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Karon language

The **Karon language** is an endangered language of Senegal and Gambia. It belongs to the Bak branch of the Niger–Congo language family, and is particularly closely related to the Mlomp language.

Karon	
Native to	Senegal, Gambia
Region	Southwest Senegal coast
Native speakers	15,000 (2007)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Bak ▪ Jola ▪ Jola Proper ▪ Karon–Mlomp ▪ **Karon**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	krx
Glottolog	karo1294 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/karo1294)[2]

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Phonology

Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Stop	voiceless	p	t	tʃ	k	ʔ
	prenasal	ᵐp	ⁿt	ᶮtʃ	ᵑk	
Nasal	plain	m	n	ɲ		
	tense	mː		ɲː		
Fricative		f	s			h
Lateral			l			
Approximant		w		j		

Vowels

	Front		Central		Back	
	oral	nasal	oral	nasal	oral	nasal
Close	i iː	ĩ			u uː	ũ
Mid	e eː	ẽ			o oː	õ
Open			a aː	ã		

Advanced tongue root is marked with an acute accent /á/.[3]

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External links

- Karon entry in the UNESCO Red Book of Endangered Languages (http://www.tooyoo.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp/Redbook/Africa/AF_src.cgi?language0=0&language1=0&language2=Karon&language3=0&language4=0&language5=0)

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